

## RICK SCOTT GOVERNOR

## HAPPY AND SAFE THANKSGIVING

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving is a time for family and friends to give thanks for the blessings and freedoms they enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the Thanksgiving weekend is the beginning of the 2013 holiday season; and

WHEREAS, the four-day weekend is considered one of the busiest travel periods on the roads; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Highway Patrol advises drivers to use their seatbelts, get plenty of rest, obey speed limits, eliminate distractions while driving, and ensure vehicles are properly maintained; and

WHEREAS, it is important to always designate a sober driver if drinking while celebrating the holiday; and

WHEREAS, many traffic crashes can be avoided by exercising patience and caution while on the roads; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Highway Patrol will have an increased presence on the roads before, during, and after the holiday to help ensure drivers and their passengers arrive safely to their destinations and back home again;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November 27 – December 1, 2013, as a time to have a *Happy and Safe Thanksgiving*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, in the year two thousand thirteen.

Governor